

Amendments to the Drawings

In the Drawings:

Please replace all prior drawings pending in this application with replacement drawings attached herein as **Attachment C**. Amendments to the drawings are made according to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(d) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.84, therefore entry of these amendments is respectfully requested.

REMARKS:

Claims 5-25 remain for consideration in the above-identified patent application, claims 1-4 having been cancelled by this Preliminary Amendment and claims 5-25 are newly introduced by this Preliminary Amendment. Accordingly, claims 5-25 remain for consideration.

This Preliminary Amendment is made solely to correct minor errors in the specification, to replace Japanese language notations in the drawings with English language notations, and to place the claims, originally filed in a Japanese language application, in better form for consideration by the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

Accordingly, the amendments to the specification, drawings, and claims introduce no new matter and are made for the sake of clarity only.

Newly introduced claims 5-25 are fully supported by the present specification and introduce no new matter. All references below are made to the clean version of the substitute specification. Specifically, support for new claim 5 can be found in paragraphs 9-12 of the present specification. New claims 6-12 are dependent on claim 5 and therefore are fully supported by paragraphs 9-12 of the present specification as well as by other parts thereof. New claim 13 is supported by paragraphs 44-46 of the present specification. New claims 14-17 are dependent on claim 13 and therefore are fully supported by paragraphs 44-46 of the present specification as well as by other parts thereof. New claim 18 is supported by paragraphs 35-39 of the present specification. New claims 19-25 are dependent on claim 18 and therefore are fully supported by paragraphs 35-39 of the present specification as well as by other parts thereof.

Accordingly, entry of the amendments to the specification, drawings, and claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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